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BISHOP'S LETTER



In our modern world, it is easy for us modern people to rely on our own wisdom and judgment, often saying 'I think...', 'I know...', rather than relying on the Lord. Instead we need to use God's Word in our daily lives,

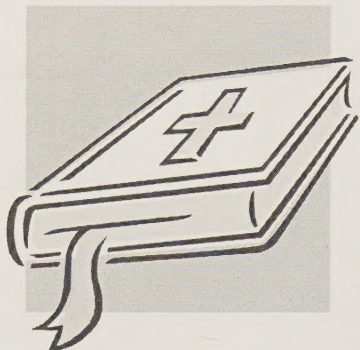
to apply the Bible to our everyday experience. The Gospel never changes, it is always relevant in every age, it does not come and go like fashion. Regardless of background, culture or challenge, the Word of God is always relevant to us,

it is eternal. So I strongly encourage each one of us that the most important thing in our lives should be our faith, based on the Word of God. In the Diocese of

Taiwan, we are starting a new 2-year program in January 2014, a program of daily Bible readings arranged in 2-month sections, with a test at the end of each section. We did a similar series in recent years based on Sunday readings and it



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was very successful; now we are moving on to daily texts. When we know the Word of God well, then we will be more confident to apply it to our everyday lives, and more confident

to share the good news with our neighbors and friends.

Secondly we need to pray for the Holy Spirit to give us wisdom and reason to use the Word of God to encourage us and to proclaim the Word of God to others. The Anglican Church is founded on the metaphor of the 'three-legged stool' of the Bible, Tradition and Reason. Reason without the Word of God leads us easily to pride and foolishness. There is a famous Chinese saying 事半功倍 defined as 'half the work with double the result' or 'to achieve

the maximum result with little effort'. Once we know how to swim, then we don't need to struggle so hard in the water. Once we know the right way, in this case, the Word of God - and apply it to our lives, then we won't need to struggle so hard when we face challenges in our lives. Instead we will be surprised at the amazing authority, ability and power of God. Thirdly we always need to pray in humility for God's mercy for ourselves and for others. We are limited in wisdom, knowledge and power, but when we lift needy people in prayer to God that is the greatest thing we can do to help them.



News from the Diocese of Taiwan



Many congratulations to our most senior priest, Rev. Samuel Chen Ta-Tung, on his 90th birthday in June. He celebrated with his wife and close clergy friends in a nice Chinese restaurant (see photo above, he is seated third from the left, front row, next to his wife).

Rev. Richard Lee represented the Diocese of Taiwan at the EAM (Episcopal Asiamerica Ministry) 40th Anniversary Celebrations in San Francisco in June. He also visited the Diocese of Los Angeles.

We welcome Mr. Anthony Liang 梁凡偉修 生 from St. James' Church and Mr.

Marco Xie 謝兆明修 生 from St. John's Cathedral onto the Church Intern program, starting from July 1. The purpose of the Church Intern program is to give the interns a chance to learn about church ministry and to test their calling to full-time service.

Congratulations to Mr. Wu Shing-Siang 吳興祥傳道 and Ms. Tsai Ching-Yi 蔡靜儀傳道 on their graduation from the seminary at Fu-Jen R. C. University, Taipei (see top photo). As from August 1, Mr. Wu is assigned to serve at Advent Church, and Ms. Tsai is assigned to St. John's Cathedral, both as evangelists.

Congratulations to Rev. Cheng Chen-Chang 鄭成章牧師 who was ordained priest on July 21 in St. John's Cathedral.

Bishop David and Mrs. Lily Lai, together with Rev. Michael and Mrs. Liou, and Rev. Philip and Mrs. Nancy Ho took part in the vacation trip organized by the staff of St. Paul's Kindergarten to visit Hokkaido, Japan from July



FU-JEN R.C. UNIVERSITY GRADUATION



IN HOKKAIDO WITH ARCHBISHOP AND MRS. UEMATSU



WITH BISHOP LEO AND MRS FRADE

22-26. On the final evening of the trip, they met up for dinner with Archbishop Nathaniel Uematsu, Primate of Japan and Bishop of Hokkaido (see middle photo).

The Diocese of Taiwan welcomed the Bishop Leo Frade, Bishop of S. E. Florida, and his wife Diana for a short visit from August 1-5 (see bottom photo).

Bishop David and Lily Lai visited Okinawa, Japan from September 6-8 for the consecration of the third Bishop of Okinawa, Rt. Rev. David Eisho Uehara on Saturday September 7.

Bishop David and Lily Lai visited the USA from September 12 – 29 for the Fall 'House of Bishops' Meeting of the Episcopal Church held in

Nashville, Tennessee, followed by an overnight visit to Virginia Theological Seminary.

From September 18 – 23, Rev. Keith Lee represented the Diocese of Taiwan at the CCEA Youth Forum, held in Kobe, Japan, followed by a visit to our companion diocese of Osaka.

Visit to USA for the EAM 40th Anniversary Celebrations: Rev. Richard Lee

I give sincere thanks to Almighty God for his grace that enabled me to visit the USA from June 14-29, 2013 in order to attend the EAM (Episcopal Asia-America Ministry) 40th anniversary. I was truly honored that Bishop Lai asked me to be the representative of the Diocese of Taiwan. He also arranged for me to arrive a few days early to spend time visiting San Francisco and the churches there, and then after the conference to visit churches and church ministries in Los Angeles. There was such excitement and expectancy in my heart as the day got nearer to travel. This was my first ever visit to the USA, so I was very excited and really looking forward to this new experience!

Every year EAM gathers for its annual convention, at a different location each year. A few years ago it was hosted by the Diocese of Taiwan in the Grand Hotel, Kaohsiung. This year was special as EAM were celebrating their 40th anniversary, so there was an extra-large gathering of about 200 people. We give thanks to Almighty God for His leading; we were very aware of His presence throughout.

In booking my flights, I tried to travel as cheaply as possible, and so it was that I ended up having to spend an overnight in Beijing en route. I had the chance to walk around the city including Tiananmen Square, and experience for myself that famous site, and yet also to see the old streets and alleys, full of poor people and dilapidated buildings. Such places have not kept up with the speed of change sweeping through China. I was overwhelmed by the immense size of the country and the huge numbers of people. The harvest is ready, but oh, where are the workers?



PRESIDING BISHOP KATHARINE JEFFERTS SCHORI,
REV. ADA NAGATA AND REV. RICHARD LEE

I arrived in the USA to be warmly welcomed by Rev. Franco Kwan, Rector of True Sunshine Episcopal Church, San Francisco. He organized a wonderful itinerary for me, so that I had the chance to get to know about church ministry, as well as to see something of the city. He took me around with him to experience his daily life and ministry, and I had the chance to spend a night at

his home. I learned so much from listening to him sharing about his ministry and the highs and lows of pastoring a church. Those few days left me with such a deep impression and I know I benefitted so much.

A few days later, the EAM conference started and I joined in the celebrations. There were so many people from so many Asian backgrounds, including Chinese, Japanese, Koreans, Filipinos, those from S. E. Asia and elsewhere. We were such a diverse and multi-cultural group, and this diversity truly enriched our worship services with different languages, choruses and clothes. It was so lively, and it was really wonderful for me to experience the richness of so many different cultures. I especially remember the final worship service, held at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, with drummers and dancers leading the procession as the cross and clergy entered to start the service; and as the service ended, the leaving procession was led by the Rev. Franco Kwan and a group of lion dancers!

At EAM I learned that in the USA, young people of Chinese heritage (we know them as 'ABC': American-born Chinese) have forgotten so much of their Chinese heritage, culture and language. I feel this is such a shame, and it is one of the aims of EAM to

help these young people to think through the question: 'Who am I?' I was also moved to hear about the history of EAM, including the stories of those who have offered in mission and service to share the gospel with their peoples and with those of their culture who have settled in the USA.

Towards the end of EAM, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori spent time sharing with us openly, answering all our questions. She especially spent time with the young people listening to them. I was so impressed with her love and respect for the young people; she is such a good model for a pastor.

After EAM, I was able to visit Los Angeles, and was kindly hosted by Rev. Ada Nagata and Rev. Joshua Wu. I thank them warmly for their hospitality and welcome. I had the privilege of being in the company of the Rt. Rev. Andrew Yoshimichi Ohata, Bishop of Tokyo, and I enjoyed listening and getting to know him. He has such a loving spirit.

In L.A., the places that made a deep impression on me were church ministries among the street gangs, among the poorest of the poor, and among the

homeless. They are helped to find homes, jobs, health care and education, to value their lives, to find God and so to make changes. When I saw the problems facing these people, and the reality of life for them, I thought of so many Taiwan people for whom their dream and idea of heaven is to immigrate to the USA. And yet I could see that it is not an easy option; it is not heaven at all, and broken dreams are everywhere.

Finally, thanks be to God, at the worship service at True Sunshine Church in San Francisco, I met Andrew Chang's 101-year-old father, his sister and her daughter. Andrew's niece is a very famous singer, and I had the chance to invite her to come to Trinity Church, Keelung in the near future to sing and to share her testimony.

I truly thank Almighty God for this wonderful trip, full of grace and learning. Thanks to Bishop Lai for giving me this opportunity, to Canon Peter Ng and EAM for enabling it all to happen and for covering the costs, and to all who offered hospitality and made this trip possible.



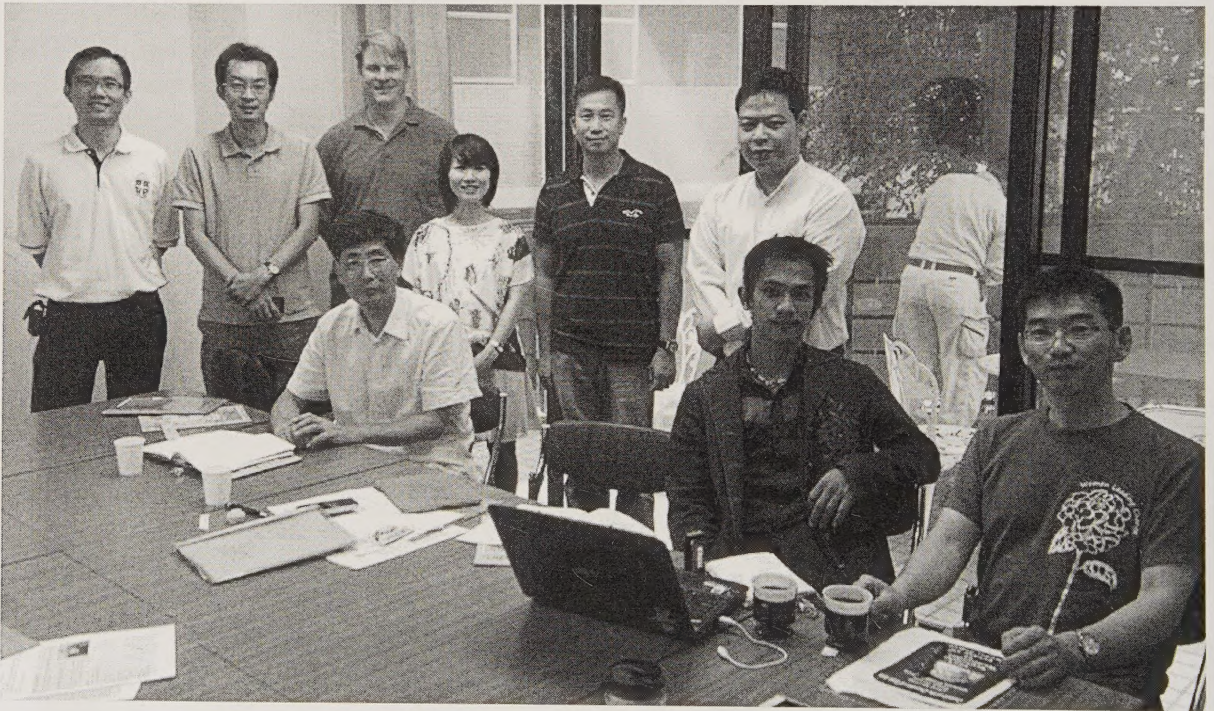
Visit to Japan for the CCEA Youth Forum and to our Companion Diocese of Osaka: Rev. Keith Lee

The Council of Churches of East Asia (CCEA) Youth Forum took place from September 18-20 in Kobe, Japan.

To conserve finances, this year 2013 there is no CCEA Bishops' Meeting, the next one will be held in Australia's Diocese of the Northern Territory in 2014. Therefore, there are only 2 meeting groups gathering this year, one is the CCEA Executive Committee (EXCO) meeting, and the other is the Youth Forum Group. They were both held in Kobe, Japan in September. Although this year's meeting was simpler, there were still over 20 delegates gathered from different dioceses in the CCEA area: Australia, Philippines, West Malaysia, Myanmar, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Korea, and Japan. From Taiwan, we had Mrs. Amy Lin from St. John's Cathedral who is a current EXCO member, and Bishop

Lai appointed me, Keith Lee to attend the Youth Forum Group.

Besides the joint meeting with the EXCO members of CCEA, the members of the Youth Forum Group from different dioceses/provinces shared with each other during the 2-day Forum about the circumstances, challenges, and the aspects that everyone is striving for. Although each diocese/province is located in different places and has many different cultures, conditions and limits, our goals are all the same, that is we are working for more young people to be committed to God, to deeply join in the church services, and to practice and proclaim the Gospel to other people. We also made a clear definition of what CCEA regards as "Youth", because we found some different understandings of "Youth" during our sharing times. For example, in Japan, "Youth"



THE YOUTH FORUM GROUP

STANDING FROM LEFT: MR. DANIEL CHEOK SING CHAI, PROVINCE OF SOUTHEAST ASIA; REV. KEITH LEE, DIOCESE OF TAIWAN; REV. BRUCE CHAPMAN, DIOCESE OF DARWIN, AUSTRALIA; MRS. NOZOMI HATANO, DIOCESE OF OSAKA, JAPAN; REV. KENNETH LAU, HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI; MR. SAW HPONE KYAW LIN, PROVINCE OF MYANMAR

SITTING FROM LEFT: MR. THOMAS JUN KEE, ANGLICAN CHURCH OF KOREA; MR. CHARLES AMDENGAN GAWIDAN, EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE PHILIPPINES; REV. BARNABAS SATOSHI KOBAYASHI, DIOCESE OF KYOTO, JAPAN

usually means young people who are over 20 years old; in Korea, people who are studying in and above senior high school are called “Youth”, in Hong Kong, the mission work to kindergarten children is also included in the Youth Service program. For the purposes of CCEA, we defined “Youth” as from 18 to 30 years old. One main reason is if it is necessary for our youth to go overseas, it will be better that their minimum age should be 18.

During the meeting, we decided to hold a special activity for CCEA Youth in 2016, we also made a draft program and budget for it. We are planning an activity which will be held from July 26 to August 1, 2016 in West Malaysia, the theme will be “Raise up for God, Unite in Christ” and it will include an exchange program, seminars, and visit to churches. The CCEA will invite the East-Asian Anglican/Episcopal churches to send young people to participate. More details will follow in the bishops’ meeting next year.

The CCEA Youth Forum this year was held in Kobe, Hyogo-ken, an important port city in Japan. During the 19th century, the Anglican mission “Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, S.P.G.” came here to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, and schools and churches were also built. Our host, The Rt. Rev. Yutaka Nakamura, Bishop of Kobe and his staff kindly and warmly welcomed all of us. During the break-times, the Diocese of Kobe arranged a visiting program to some places in Kobe founded or affiliated to S.P.G, firstly, the Kobe Mariners’ Centre (also known as “The Mission to Seafarers”) which was founded in the 1850’s, now they also work in close cooperation with the R. C. Church. Then we visited a British school: “St. Gabriel’s School” (English-speaking), the children mostly come from foreign families and most of the staff also come from England or Amer-



CCEA YOUTH FORUM VISIT TO KOBÉ MARINER'S CENTRE

ica. Then, we visited “Kobe Shoin Women’s University” which was founded in 1892; its main focus is on language and economics education. Finally, Bishop Nakamura took us to visit the beautiful Kobe port, and we sailed around the harbor by boat, and watched the beautiful sunset, while he talked and

shared with each one of us during this relaxing time. The farewell dinner of the CCEA meeting was also attended by the Archbishop of the Japan Anglican Church NSKK; the Most Rev. Nathaniel Uematsu (also the Bishop of Hokkaido), he came to see the delegates, and also had dinner with us. It was such a big honor for all of us!

Visit to Osaka Diocese

We said goodbye to the CCEA delegates after the farewell dinner, and the Rev. Peter Akira Iwaki drove to Kobe to collect Amy and I to take us to Osaka, to continue our visiting program on September 21-22. On Saturday September 21 in the morning, the Rev. Keiichi Takebayashi accompanied us to visit his church, St. John’s Church. The church is near Osaka Castle, so he also took us there, and we learned about Japanese war history. In the afternoon, Rev. Takebayashi took us by local train to St. Matthew’s Church, in the suburbs in southern Osaka, to attend the church’s 50th anniversary celebration. The celebrant at the service was Bishop Osamu Onishi, and the preacher was Archbishop Uematsu. The archbishop said that when he left his hometown of Tohoku to go to Osaka to study in the university, he was very sad and felt great fear for a long time. He felt he had no future, and didn’t know where to turn; he was so confused about his life. But at that sad moment, he met a missionary named J. C. MacDonald who gave him lots of care and prayer, and led him step by step in his life, in his study, also in the faith. Finally, his life under-

went a huge change, and he was baptized into faith. His whole life changed, he was like the lost and hurt sheep that was found by Jesus Christ. So he has a great amity feeling towards St. Matthew's Church, just like a mother church. He felt he must attend this very important event in this church right after the CCEA meeting finished.

On Sunday September 22, Amy and I went to Kawaguchi Christ Cathedral Church, (where the Rev. Akira Peter Iwaki is serving as dean) to attend the Sunday Service, during which I had the honor of preaching the sermon. The Diocese of Osaka was founded by another mission society from England, the "Church Mission Society, C.M.S." almost 150 years ago. Now the Cathedral building is almost 90 years old, and it was assigned by the Osaka government as an important historical and cultural building. The Service started at 10:30am, but by 10:00 all servers had arrived and gathered to pray for God's guidance for that day's worship. We participated in 2 worship services in 2 days, and we found that the church members mostly were middle-aged and above, but every one of them paid close attention in the worship, in every process of the worship, singing hymns, saying prayers, saying and responding, listening to God's Word, and the silence. I was preaching in the service, so I could clearly see that the congregation paid high attention. They were all plunging into every element of the worship, and revealed their sincere commitment to God. I was aware that, except for the necessary movements in the worship, for instance the peace and the reception of the Eucharist, from the beginning of the service till the end, no one causally left his or her seat, no one was napping, no one was whispering to others, and nobody arrived late for the service. I was really moved by this, and it is truly a witness and good lesson for us to learn.

After the service was the lunch fellowship; the Sunday lunch was cooked and provided by the Cathedral Men's Fellowship. The Cathedral has 7 groups who take it in turns to shoulder responsibility for

the lunch, apart from the Men's Fellowship, the other 6 groups are all women. Other than in Japanese restaurants, this was my first time to see Japanese men cooking and washing dishes in the kitchen. These men work hard on all week, and they



VISIT TO KAWAGUCHI CHURCH CATHEDRAL: MRS. AMY LIN, DEAN AKIRA PETER IWAKI, REV. KEITH LEE

have such authority at home, but on Sundays, they serve God at church in one mind with other sisters and brothers. I was really moved by this. In the afternoon, we had a "talk meeting" with the members of Cathedral. We introduced Taiwan and the Taiwan Episcopal Church to the members, and did as best as we could to answer their questions about Taiwan.

Next year, after Easter, the

Diocese of Taiwan will celebrate the 60th anniversary of our Church. The Diocese of Osaka hopes to recruit a 20-member group to attend our diocesan thanksgiving service, and also travel in Taiwan. We hope our sharing could help the members to have more interest and expectation to come and to see Taiwan next year. On September 23, we finished our entire schedule in Japan, and came safely back to Taiwan.

Afterword

My visit to Japan took place over the 4-day Mid-Autumn Moon Festival in Taiwan, and originally, I had no flight seat available for the trip and kept waiting for a seat to become available. Thanks be to God, finally, I successfully got a seat. The weather was so nice during our stay in Japan. On September 19 evening (Mid-Autumn Festival), the members of the Youth Forum Meeting shared moon cakes together, brought by the delegates from Hong Kong and Taiwan, and watched the beautiful, bright full moon outside the diocesan office of Kobe. Archbishop Paul Kwong, the chairman of CCEA also shared the Chinese traditional story of Mid-Autumn with us. When we were watching the big, bright and beautiful full moon, we were all thinking about our friends in our hometowns, maybe they were now also watching the same moon in another far place. If we think of the moon as like God, al-

though we are separated in different places, countries, and dioceses, in fact our goals are all the same, that is, we are all looking for the same God and seeking for only His guidance. Language, distance, and different cultures or circumstances may be challenges to us, but they should not be stones, or obstacles between us. Because we are looking up for the same God, our strength and courage coming from the same One, even though we have many differences, but, we can still keep moving forward together because we have the same faith, and the same God.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to many people. Thanks for CCEA's arrangements; the whole meeting went so well and ran so smoothly. To the Diocese of Kobe, thanks to Bishop Nakamura and all the diocesan staff, they did lots of detailed preparations throughout the 3-day meeting program so all delegates could feel relaxed and comfortable in the meetings. Thanks to the Rev. Paul Tolhurst and the Rev. John Connery, chaplains to the Kobe Mariners' Centre, they met us at Kansai Int'l Airport, spent the whole day picking us all up, and made sure that every delegate arrived safely at Kobe Diocesan Office. Also lots of thanks to the Kobe Diocesan secretary, Mr. Masato Daito; very early every morning, he was standing by to prepare the necessary things before the meeting program, and at 11:00pm, when all meetings had finished, he only

went home after he made sure there were no more problems. Thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Iwaki, and the Rev. and Mrs. Takebayashi, they kindly arranged our visit and hospitality while we were staying in Osaka; we had a wonderful time with them. Thanks for the cordial welcome from the brothers and sisters of Kawaguchi Christ Cathedral Church and St. Matthew's Church, we felt really blessed.

Here in Taiwan, may I thank Bishop David Lai, who gave me this opportunity to attend the meeting and the chance to visit Osaka, and I had a wonderful and meaningful time. Thanks to Rev. June Chou, for she celebrated the Sunday September 22 service in Grace Church while I was absent. Thanks to Rev. Justin Lin, I stayed at St. Timothy's overnight on September 17, and the next day, very early when it was still dark he drove me to Kaohsiung Int'l. Airport to take the plane to Japan, thanks for his kind help. Thanks to the number one Japanese speaker in our diocese, Ms. Shue Su-ying from Advent Church; she helped my sermon to be written in formal Japanese. Thanks to Mrs. Amy Lin, we went to Japan as partners together, and had a lot of sharing with each other. Thanks for the concerns and prayers from all colleagues, brothers and sisters. May all Glory be to our heavenly Father.



ENJOYING JAPANESE DELICACIES TOGETHER!

Introducing Church Intern Mr. Xie Zhao-Ming 謝兆明修生

It is my pleasure to introduce myself to you. My name is Zhaoming Xie. I am a member of St. John's Cathedral, and I am training at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Shilin, Taipei.

I was baptized at 17 years old on Christmas Eve in 1997 in Advent Church, while studying as a student at St. John's and St. Mary's Institute of Technology SJSMIT. Looking back at my past life, my relationship with family was very discordant, because of my parents' divorce when I was very young. My aim in life was the pursuit of wealth, even to the extent of giving up all my schoolwork in Grade 4 at SJSMIT. Finally, I was expelled from the school. I was searching for people to love me, in order to prove that I was valuable. The result was always disappointing.

My career achievements were nothing special, because my education and work experience were not good enough. So, I was afraid and incredulous when the Lord called me to enter full-time service to serve Him. I thought I am in no way qualified to do this!

But God did not give up on me, He led me back to church. Special thanks to Dean Samuel Lin and all the congregation



who gave me the greatest help and support. It made me grow up and my life improved greatly. Then God helped me to recover and He healed the scars in my life. He has given a great marriage, a most beautiful daughter (see photos here) and a chance to go back to school to get credit. The greatest blessing is that my mother now believes in the Lord too.

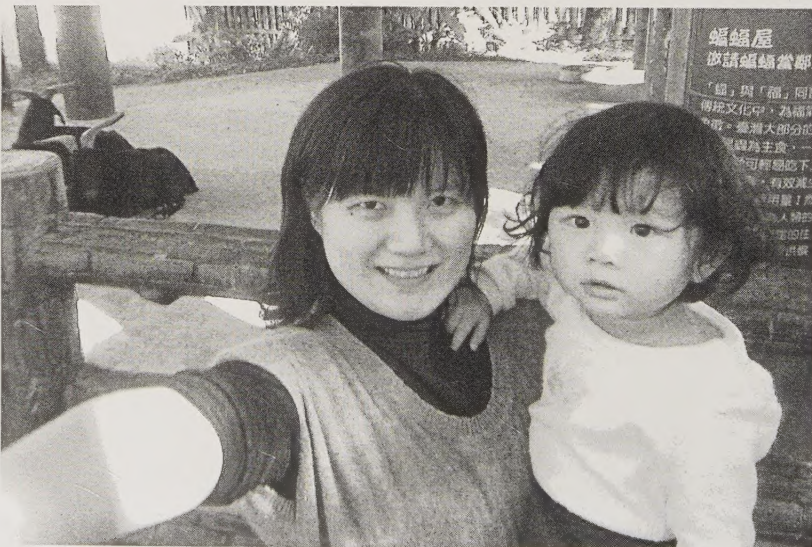
I used to complain to God: why have you given me so much trouble and hurt in my life? But now, I know everything that happened to me is all from God's will and blessing. A lot of people's lives are very difficult and they need someone to understand and to love them. So, God not only helped me, he

also wants me to help others who he loves too, and to let me learn how to be His servant with my healing experience.

So I have to respond to the Lord's call. I will go to the people who are broken and the poor to help

them with the word and love of God to find recovery for their broken hearts. May the light of God shine on everyone who needs it.

Thank you all and God bless you.

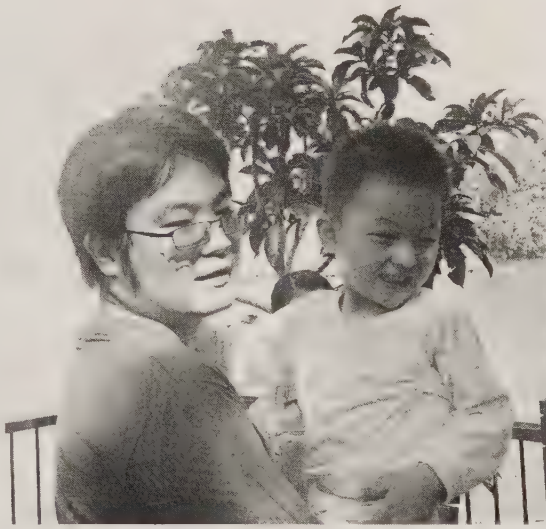


Introducing Church Intern Mr. Antony Liang Fan-Wei 梁凡偉修生

My name is Antony Liang. I was baptized when I was a child. It seems so natural for me to become a Christian because both of my parents are Christian. I believe in God, but I still needed a long period of time to strengthen my faith.

I feel that the process of pursuing my faith is like making a worthwhile journey. I have always wanted to know about the truth, so I have asked lots of questions about Christianity. I tried to use science as a tool to seek the truth, but it didn't usually work. Now I see that religion can't be verified or proved by science (even "Science" is created by God!) For a long period of time I had subjectively thought that I chose to believe in the Christian faith. But the truth is that I was chosen by God, who enabled the Holy Spirit to influence and reform me so I could have this opportunity to believe wholeheartedly.

Several months ago I applied for study at seminary, hoping that I can become a clergy someday in the future. The church responded that I should serve as a "church intern" (called 'xiu-sheng' 修生 in Chinese) for one year before I go to seminary. That is why I have been here at Holy Trinity Church, in Keelung, since July 1. Before making this decision I was faced with the dilemma of whether or not to give up my secular job. I am married and have a small child. Once my application was accepted, I would be asked to move far away from home alone. This would be a big change in my family life, but my parents and my wife are giving full support to me.



This year (and many more to come), my family (see photos here) and I will need God's special help, to make everything go wonderfully well with us.

Since I came to Holy Trinity Church I have found some differences between this and other churches in the Diocese of Taiwan. First, Holy Trinity is doing lots of work for teenagers who are, for the most part, from disadvantaged social groups. Gen-

erally speaking, those teenagers need more loving care and more financial support. We need to have patience with them when we try to solve their problems. With help from God, we see that the youth ministry at Holy Trinity has been a great success.

Another difference I have seen here is the exciting work of the Holy Spirit. Led by the vicar Rev. Lee, the congregation pursue a state of mind that is entirely inspired by the Holy Spirit. They have gotten some special charismatic experiences, which are quite a novelty to me and I am trying to learn more about them. Yes, we pray for more revelation from our God. May God bless us and show us the right way!



At this moment I have truly put myself in God's hands. I know I will be faced with challenges and difficulties, but there is no fear in my heart. God will be my help all my whole life. I will say to the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." (Psalm 91:2)

Reflections on the Summer Camp in Kenting, 2013

By Antony Liang

This is a story about 200 knights of the Lord in the summer of 2013. The Episcopal Diocese of Taiwan held a big summer camp for students aged 11 to 22 years old.

There were 15 adult leaders and 15 student leaders, and 170 young people and children participating. We held the camp in Kenting, which is located in the southernmost tip of Taiwan. The theme for this summer camp was “A legend about two swords – fight for yourself!” They showed some creativity and tried to make a difference to this camp. It seemed that a totally magical world had been created and all of the participants became knights and wizards in it. In those five days, we really had a good time, though



there were many challenges for us to face. Now I would like to tell you how much grace the Lord gave us during this summer camp.

Before the beginning of the summer camp,

we got news that was not good at all. There was a super typhoon, named Soulik, coming from the Pacific Ocean. We kept praying, but it just came to us. Every member of the staff felt anxious about that, because we had already made every effort to prepare for this activity. We didn't really understand why God would let this happen. At one time we even considered canceling the summer camp. We were in such a situation as Mark 4:37-38 says: A



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furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" Indeed, we really needed God's help at that time.

And do you know what happened? God truly showed his mercy and heard our prayers. The super typhoon Soulik was kept out of Taiwan till we completed the summer camp. As the Gospel of Mark describes, Jesus our Lord rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind we were afraid of died down and the whole campsite was calm and safe. It was a great miracle we all saw with our own eyes. All the students and staff members experienced God's presence through this opportunity. We received love and grace from our Father in heaven. We saw the difference on the faces of all participants because the Holy Spirit had actually worked in our hearts. Now we were aware of the great power of God, and we

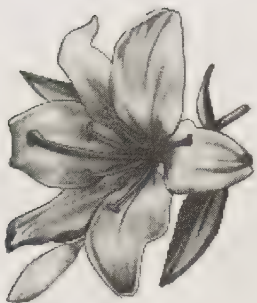


learned the truth that nothing can stop God's work, if it is his will.

During this summer camp we saw and understood that God will revive the Taiwan Episcopal Church. God will ignite a new fire here and encourage all of us. Let us keep praying earnestly, for our church, for our society, and for ourselves. Yes, we believe that God will hear our prayers and give us more wisdom and strength to carry out what we should do. Now we have a vision of how our Lord Jesus is rebuilding his Church in the world. We are pretty sure that more and more young people will be attracted to the Church, just as Jesus said, "Let the little

children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14) O Lord, Almighty God! May you bless us! May you help us with our work of spreading the Gospel! May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.





'Forget Worry', See how the lilies of the field grow on Mt. Chi Ke.

Rev. Herbert Barker

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more impor-

tant than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For those without faith run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. Mt. 6:25-34

Jesus teaches us in the Gospel of Matthew to 'forget worry'. Bishop David Lai and we clergy of the North Deanery took this teaching to heart and made a pilgrimage to Mt. Chi Ke in Yuli, Hualien. We would consider the lilies of the field with the hopes of forgetting the worries of parish life as a way of refreshing our souls.

The Daylily is so called, because it lives for only a day after its blossom opens. Also, legend has it that youth in mainland China would plant this flower for their mothers to attend to while they ventured far from home to seek their fortunes. These sons hoped that the flower would help their mothers forget their worry about them while they were far away from home. So, the Daylily also became known as the 'forget worry' flower.

Lily and I, good shepherds from Good Shepherd

Church, were mesmerized by the Daylily that blanketed these hills and mountains. We experienced the calmness that comes from wandering in the fields and on the trails of the 'forget worry' flowers. We not only saw and touched these 'forget worry' flowers we also ate them at our evening meal. We eat dish after dish of Daylily in mixed vegetables, and with stir-fried meats.

Later as we slept, these 'forget worry' plants began to worry our bodies. They kept us running to the bathroom throughout the night. These 'forget worry' flowers were working to cleanse our bodies of poisons as their beauty had driven out worrisome poisons from our minds earlier in the day.

At breakfast the next morning we learned from our host, and chef, that the 'forget worry' plant was a well-known medicine used by Oriental physicians to cleanse the body of toxins. This therapy was also often used in Buddhist monasteries as a way to promote meditation and openness to spiritual enlightenment. Therefore, we clergy pilgrims in search of serenity found renewal in soul and body as we viewed with awe the splendor of the 'forget worry' flower, and ate with gusto the Daylily as a delicious ingredient in a variety of dishes.

Finally, rising at five o'clock to view the sunrise over Sixty Stone Mountain completed our pilgrimage to Mt. Chi Ke. We waited in the twilight to catch the first rays of the sun as it climbed up the far side of the hill to illumine a sleeping old man who formed the shape of the mountain. As the first splinters of sunlight raised dewdrops on the grass and our shadows on the wall behind us, a family of monkeys came to watch us watching the sunrise.

I felt a union with all of nature in those moments. I was one with the elements of the earth, sky, ground, grass, the animal kingdoms, and the human kingdoms. I was aware in the ground of my being that all nature and super nature were one in the Kingdom of God. In faith and trust, I knew for a moment that our ... Heavenly Father knows what you and I need, and that all these thing things will be given to us as well. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life..." Mt. 6:25 Amen.

A New Generation of Johannees To Be Found

Andrew Chung-Ping Chang 張中平

President of St. John's University, Taipei, 1989-2002, retired from teaching at SJU-Taipei on August 1, 2013.

As the 2013 World Reunion of Alumni of St. John's University (SJU), Shanghai, is going to be held on the campus of St. John's University, Taipei, in October, I would like to express my sincere and whole-hearted congratulations to all the Johannees (as

alumni of SJU, Shanghai, prefer to be called, and most of them would be in their eighties) and their families, coming from different parts of the world, and from Mainland China. I remember I was honored to be invited to attend the 1992 SJU World Reunion on the old SJU campus in Shanghai, and

there were about two thousand attendees from Alumni Chapters around the world. One of the important issues on the agenda was to seek for the possibilities of re-establishing their alma mater in Shanghai. People knew that it was almost a mission impossible, but discussions and actions were carried on for quite a long time at the following world reunions in Hong Kong, Canada, and the United States. The efforts proved to be in vain finally. It is a fact that St. John's University, Shanghai, ceased to exist after 1952. But St. John's University, Taipei, founded in 1967 by the Taiwan Alumni Associations of SJU, and St. Mary's Hall, Shanghai, together with Taiwan Sheng Kung Hui (the Episcopal Church of Taiwan), which claims to be successor to SJU-Shanghai, continues to uphold the SJU church college traditions in educating the young in Taiwan. While it is sad to see the shrinking number of SJU-

Shanghai alumni in recent years, we have found more and more SJU-Taipei alumni attending the reunion events. The baton is passed on, or isn't it?

When we go back to review the history of both St.

John's University, Shanghai, and St. John's University, Taipei, it is fair to say that the founders of both universities had the same ideals in mind: to educate and prepare the leaders for society in the future. We have seen SJU-Shanghai alumni's outstanding contri-



ANDREW CHANG WITH FAMILY MEMBERS

butions to the new China and the world in the 20th century, and a hundred years later, we will see SJU-Taipei alumni play the same roles in different places of the world in crucial times in the 21st century. However, when the SJU-Shanghai alumni come to Taipei this October, what will they see from the young students on the SJU-Taipei campus other than computers, internet, and smart phones? Will they be able to find their young images sixty or seventy years ago on the SJU-Shanghai campus? In other words, the questions facing them as well as challenging every one of us, faculty, staff, and students of SJU-Taipei are: Who are the new Johannees? And where can we find the new Johannees?

As an educator in Christian higher education for nearly forty years, I would like to share the following insights and observations with those who are

interested in finding an answer to the above questions at a church university.

First of all, the university should have Psalm 111:10, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom," hung high in every classroom as their motto.

Students at a university are to learn knowledge. They want to find out what truth is. Wisdom is the true knowledge they seek for. Once gained, they can count on it for the rest of their lives. In order to learn true knowledge, however, students have to be taught to remain humble in front of the Creator. A church university has to set it as the first priority for students to learn humility as their basic value to cherish and to grow with it. Then they may see wisdom with their eyes, hear wisdom with their ears, and understand wisdom with their hearts. I would think this was what Steve Jobs meant when he told Stanford University graduates at their graduation ceremony in 2005 when he quoted that famous saying, "Stay Hungry, stay foolish."

Second, every faculty member should have character ethics in mind as they design their curriculum in their particular fields. Character building is a very important aspect of a college education. Students should not only be equipped with job skills as they graduate with a degree, they should also be ready with professional ethics based on the virtues of good character formed in four years of a college education, namely, integrity, justice, righteousness, humility,



ANDREW CHANG ON HIS RETIREMENT, WITH SJU PRESIDENT CHEN JEAN-LIEN

patience and courage, etc. The list can go on and on. But I believe what Paul points out in Galatians 5: 22-23, the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, should always be the guidelines of character building in a church college education.

Finally, after students are ready with wisdom and character ethic, a college education should prepare them for a mission in life, a mission they can pursue

with love, enthusiasm, devotion, and dedication. They should be able to discern and figure out what is expected of them in their future. They should be able to determine what their future career goals are. They should also be able to meet the needs of others with what they have learned at school. On the day of graduation, they should be ready to say, "Here am I. Send me!" as the prophet, Isaiah, says in Isaiah 6:8.

With the three educational goals - wisdom, character, mission in mind, together, let's go find out this new generation of Johannians on the campus of St. John's University, Taipei. Hopefully, it won't take

us too long to identify them. But do remember a famous Chinese saying as we endeavor in education: "It takes ten years to grow a tree, and it takes a hundred years to educate a person." 十年樹木 百年樹人. If we keep on the good work of the church college traditions, I believe that the goals will be achieved in the new generations of students to come.



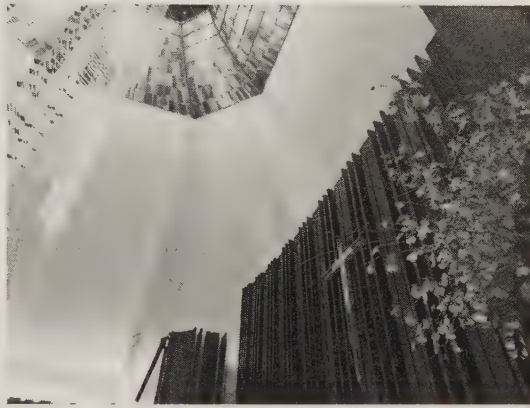
ANDREW CHANG ON HIS RETIREMENT, WITH GOOD FRIENDS FROM THE SJU COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY, TAMSUI

Chaplain: Rev Lennon Chang Yuan-Rung 張員榮牧師

This time last year we shared about the worrying situation facing Taiwan as the birthrate continues to decrease dramatically, and the dramatic effect this is having on all educational institutions in Taiwan at this time. In 2012 we welcomed 1,499 first-year students to study at SJU, which we reported then as being about 150 less than we would like. This year we have welcomed 1,287 first-year students, so we are now about 400 less than we would ideally like to have. Some of this shortfall is made up by students from overseas, but most of the overseas students are short-term, here for only one or two semesters. This semester we have about 80 students from Mainland China, plus 3 from Sungkonghoe University in Seoul, Korea. We also have several students here for the full 4-year course from Hong Kong and Malaysia.

We have opened 3 new departments this semester and also one new program. In the College of Engineering we have started a Department of Creative Design, and the College is also offering a new Bachelor Program of Health Care Information. In the College of Business and Management, we have started a Department of Fashion Administration and Management, and a Department of Tourism and Leisure Management. In connection with the latter, we have opened a travel agency in the university in cooperation with a reputable travel agent, staffed by students who are gaining valuable work experience in this area, booking tickets and offering tours.



Former President of St. John's and St. Mary's Institute of Technology, Professor Andrew Chang retired from teaching this past summer after being here for almost 40 years, and we offer him many congratulations! Before he and his wife left for a prolonged stay with their family in the USA, they com-

missioned a cross for Advent Church to hang on the back wall above the altar (see top photo). Ever since we installed the new stained glass artwork a few years ago, we have had no cross above the altar, but now we have a new one, made by our R. C. friends in Hsinchu.

We also said goodbye to those members of the student fellowship who graduated this past summer and we wish them well (see photo below with the SJU Chaplaincy staff).

We are pleased that the SJU Chaplaincy and the student fellowship continued to be very involved in training the student leaders for the Fresher's Week held this September. There were 90 student leaders, and as last year, after 2 days of training we held a special service of Foot-washing on the final afternoon, showing the students that their attitude should be one of service to others. Every new first-year

student then had a chance to visit Advent Church during Fresher's Week where they were introduced to the chaplain and chaplaincy team as well as hearing a history of SJU, and the story of Bishop James Wong, the founder of our school.



ADVENT CHURCH, TAMSUI

Rev Lennon Chang Yuan-Rung 張員榮牧師 Mr. Wu Shiang-Siang 吳興祥傳道

From July 1-2, we held a summer camp for local children, together with the children of Lao-Mei Village (see photo right). In previous years we have held a separate summer camp in Lao-Mei Village R. C. Church for the children there, but due to safety concerns, this year all the children came to Advent Church. So we had a large number in attendance, 106 altogether!



dents, assisted by church staff and members. Their program was very well-organized and there were classes for Bible, Life education, English, school homework, computers, games, and several outings.

On Sunday July 21, Bishop Lai came to Advent Church for a confirmation service for 5 adults.

From July 15 to August 22, from Monday to Thursday each week, 8:00am to 3:00pm, we held our annual 'Small Sun' Summer School for local elementary school children (see photo below). 32 children participated in the summer school, and the program was led by 3 of our SJU Student Fellowship stu-

On Sunday July 21, many of our church members attended the ordination service in St. John's Cathedral for the ordination to the priesthood of our deacon, Rev. Cheng Chen-Chang. On Sunday July 28, Rev. Chang celebrated his first Eucharist in Advent Church, but we also said goodbye to him and his



family on that day (see photo right) as they were assigned to St. Mark's Church, Pingtung as from August 1. We wish them well in their new ministry there.

On August 1, Mr. Wu Shing-Siang, newly graduated from the seminary at Fu-Jen R. C. University, was assigned by Bishop Lai as evangelist at Advent Church, and we warmly welcome him to his new ministry here (see middle photo, Mr Wu is on the far left).

Our weekend outreach community programs continue this semester. For junior high school students, we offer homework classes and tuition on Saturday mornings, and we have 18 children from the neighboring junior high school in attendance. On Saturday afternoons we offer computer and English classes for local elementary school children, and a total of over 20 come along. All these classes start with a time of Bible stories and sharing together.



In our neighboring junior high school, we are running 2 Life Education 'Champions' Courses this semester. For the 7th grade students, the course is on Problem Solving, and for the 8th grade students, the course is on Managing Emotions.



On Friday September 20 (Mid-Autumn Moon Festival holiday), we were delighted to celebrate the wedding in Advent Church of Ms. Tsou Ping-Yi and Mr. Chang Hua-Chi, both committed members of Advent Church (see bottom photo). Ping-Yi, her sister and mother are all committed mem-

bers of Advent Church, and we were delighted that he father came to church for the first time on their wedding day. Hua-Chi (see middle photo, far right)

became a Christian while studying here at university, and has continued to worship here ever since. We wish them many blessings on their married life together!



GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH, TAIPEI

Rev. Lily Chang Ling-Ling 張玲玲牧師, English Chaplain: Rev. Herbert Barker

Our summer camp this year was led by 8 members of the diocesan summer mission team, and our camp attracted 7 youth and 35 children. 6 of these children now attend our weekly Sunday School as a result, praise God.



GOOD SHEPHERD SUMMER CAMP

During August we celebrated the 40th wedding anniversary of Mr. Liao Hong-Ming and Ms. Chao Wen-Yi, with a wonderful Thanksgiving Service in our church. Their 3 children had all come home



We are delighted that one of our youth leaders, Mr. Chen Ying-An has had the opportunity to spend August and September as a volunteer in the Taizé Community in France, and is having a great time!



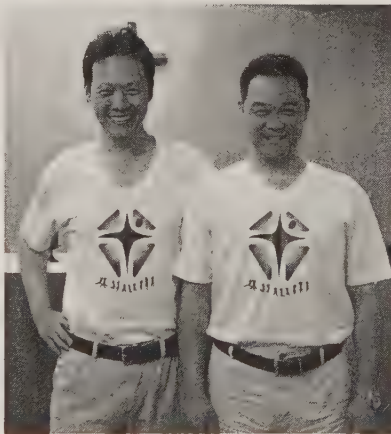
from overseas, and the service was attended by 3 clergy, and many friends and family. The service as followed by a reception in Good Shepherd and a big cake (see photos below)!



CHRIST CHURCH, CHUNG-LI



We are delighted that we are now known by the name 'Christ Church' rather than the previous name of 'Chung-Li Outreach Center'! The highlight for us in our ministry so far was on Sunday July 7, when we welcomed Bishop Lai, many clergy and a total of about 90 people who came along for the consecration and dedication service of our mission station (see cover photo on page 1), followed by a delicious meal in a nearby restaurant (see photo above). In time for the occasion, we designed a new logo for the church, which we use on our signboard outside the front of the church and on T-shirts, modeled here (see middle photo) by brothers Tim and William Pan, worn for the service. Thanks be to God for this wonderful occasion, and please do pray for us as we continue our ministry in the Chung-Li area. Christ Church contin-



ues to come under the supervision of Good Shepherd Church and Rector Rev. Lily Chang.

During the summer vacation, we were very pleased with the success of our summer camp for local children, thanks be to God! We invited the diocesan youth mission team to lead our summer camp. We had about 60 children in attendance and 21 youth (see bottom photo), plus about 20 from the summer mission team, making about 100 altogether. The camp was held in the nearby Wen-Hua Elementary School. We also sent a group of 17 children and youth to attend the diocesan summer camp in Kenting, and everyone had a great time!



On August 26, we held a church outing to Trinity Church and St. Stephen's Church, Keelung attended by 32 people - a great day out!

Good Shepherd English Congregation

By Rev. Herbert Barker

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church of Taiwan fulfilling prophecy "...for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." Isaiah 56:7

As it has been reported many times here, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church of Taiwan is a global village church. Its English congregation reflects the face and voice of an international, ecumenical community of Christians who share worship framed in Anglican traditions. It is truly a Koinonia

community, a Christian fellowship marked by its intimate participation. It serves sojourners and pilgrims who join in faith as they visit, study and work for a while in Taiwan. As such, Good Shepherd's Chinese and English congregations are a living legacy of God's call to be a house of prayer for all nations.

On Sunday September 8, the English congregation of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church gathered for a special service to celebrate 30 years of independence of St. Christopher (St. Kitts) and Nevis. The theme was 'Stability, Creativity and Prosperity, Celebrating Independence 30' and was led by our chaplain, Father Herbert J. Barker.

We sang the St. Kitts and Nevis National Anthem, and had prayers for leaders of nations. We were honored to have many dignitaries attending the celebration. The ambassador of the Federation of St. Kitts and Nevis, Her Excellency, Jasmine E. Huggins is a member of the Good Shepherd English Congregation who wished to share her joy and hope in her country's Independence Day.

We were delighted to host the Deputy Foreign Minister of Taiwan, Simon S. Y. Ko who spoke movingly of how appropriate that it is for national lead-



ST. KITTS AND NEVIS CELEBRATION: WITH REV. LILY CHANG, REV. HERBERT BARKER, AMBASSADOR JASMINE HUGGINS AND VISITORS FROM UK AND PHILIPPINES

ers and their people to be grateful to God for His mercies of liberty and freedom.

In recognition of our ecumenicity, the preacher at the service was Monsignor Paul F. Russell, Papal Envoy of the Holy See. Our Chinese congregation's choir sang during the service that added beauty and the

gift of music to our celebration.

We were blessed with a large attendance that included members of both English and Chinese congregations and also about 50 students (past and present) from St. Kitts and Nevis who have scholarships from the Taiwan government to study in Taiwan universities.

After the service, we enjoyed a wonderful reception on the second floor of the Good Shepherd office building, courtesy of the St. Kitts and Nevis Embassy. We are grateful for all who attended the service and for all of those who contributed to making our worship in the "house of prayer for all nations" a memorable moment of praise and thanksgiving.

Amen



ST KITTS AND NEVIS

TRINITY CHURCH, KEELUNG

Rev. Richard Lee Ray-Chiang 李瑞強牧師



To God's holy people in the Diocese of Taiwan, the faithful in Christ Jesus, grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We really appreciate your concern and kindness for Holy Trinity Church, in Keelung. We would like to tell you something about our work here at the church recently:

Since August 4, we have had two services every Sunday morning, with more and more people attracted to the church. We have Bible classes between the two services, including Biblical history and geography, studies of the Gospel of John, and a Baptism Class.



From August 12 to 16 we held an English camp for elementary school students. We invited missionaries and teenagers from St. Peter's Anglican Church in Hong Kong to teach our students (see photos). Besides 9 Chinese teachers, there was also a young teacher from England. All of the students had a really good time and learned very much from this English camp.

We are planning to build up our outreach work in the Jiaoxi township in Yilan County, on Taiwan's east coast. The township office of Jiaoxi have promised that they will lend us a place in order that we can set up a tutoring center for teenagers from disadvantaged social groups. This outreach program is expected to start on October 1st or so. We would

like to send two or three fellow workers (including a teacher and a social worker at least) to Jiaoxi to start the ministry over there.

Please pray for us. We need more grace and help from God to accomplish our missions. It is not easy to carry out our various projects

at the same time, but we trust that our God will give support to all faithful people in Christ. And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:15) Thanks be to God!

ST. STEPHEN'S MISSION, KEELUNG

Rev. Julia Lin Shu-Hua 林淑華牧師



Three people received confirmation from Bishop David Lai on July 28 (see photo above). One of these three people requested the Church to help him to remove the idol shrine from his house. So the Rev. Richard Lee was invited to help to remove the idol on July 10.

This summer we experienced God's grace, 12 junior high school students joined us to lead the summer camp for 58 students at Chung-Her Elementary School from July 10- 12 (see photo right). It was a great opportunity to train the young people to serve others, and they all received a good training by the clergy and the members of summer mission team on July 8- 9.

Last semester, we organized a basketball team for



junior and senior high school students every Friday evening at 7:00pm. There were a total of 20 students who participated, and a qualified coach Mr. Lin was invited to come and train us. The bottom photo shows the members and parents of the students on the last class on July 26.

The church members at St. Stephen's Church fully supported a children's drama workshop, then from August 19 to 22, we visited St. Luke's Church and brought the drama, games and hymns to 15 children in the Hua-Lien area.



The highlight of the quarter was the activities which we held at Bei-Guam, Yilan, from August 31 to September 1. The young people took the train to the destination and the elder people went in 2 cars. We wanted to have 3 generations taking part, and we were so happy that over 30 participated, of all 3 generations. Our visit coincided with a typhoon, and in the evening, we all watched the TV News as they showed the city of Keelung suffering badly from torrential rains, flooding and landslides. That was an unforgettable experience. During Sunday Service next day, we all gave thanks to Eternal God.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, TAIPEI

Rev. Samuel Lin Ying-Chiou 林應求牧正 Ms. Tsai Ching-Yi 蔡靜儀傳道



We are pleased that one of our church members, Mr. Marco Xie Zhao-Ming was accepted by the diocese to join the 'Church Intern' Program, starting July 1. He is assigned to be based at Good Shepherd Church this year.

We were delighted to host the ordination service on Sunday July 21 of Rev. Cheng Chen-Chang as he was ordained to the priesthood (see photos). Rev. Cheng and his family are members of St. John's Cathedral, and regular attenders until he entered semi-



nary and was later assigned to Advent Church for service there. The ordination service was actually postponed from July 12 due to Typhoon Soulik, so we were glad that it could happen not too long afterwards.

On August 1, another of our church members, Ms Tsai Ching-Yi, newly graduated from seminary at Fu-Jen R. C. University was assigned to St. John's Cathedral by Bishop Lai. We warmly welcome her to the staff team!



THE CHURCH OF THE LEADING STAR, TAIPING

Rev. Joseph Ho Ray-En 何睿恩會吏



To the Church of the Leading Star, this summer was very special! Rev. Joseph Ho's sister, Kathy, graduated from Senior High School in May and before she entered Feng Chia University Department of Architecture in Taichung, she came to Taiping for a short time to work in the preschool here. Actually, during this time we moved and cleaned a lot of things, just like moving house; as the preschool is undergoing a major renovation project. The best thing she did was to paint our main gate and make it almost come alive, it is so beautiful!

At the end of July, our Episcopal preschool had their annual graduation (see photo above). That was so great. Both students and teachers worked so hard to make this graduation full of surprises and so warm. Everyone used their smartphones to take lots of pictures and record video. I was very happy to see lots of people come here too.

During the summer vacation Joseph helped to lead

four camps around the diocese. The final one was at the Church of the Leading Star. We invited 10 students from the National Taichung Agricultural Senior High School, friends of Tim Tsai from St. James. There were also 10 students from St. James' youth fellowship, 5 from the summer mission team, and Joseph's best partner priest Rev. Philip Lin. They came here to lead the summer camp for children in Kuang-Lung Elementary School (see photos below). They did really well, and during the camp, they really felt Jesus was there. They came, they served, they changed. Youth always do things they want to do, but when they study or live in a different place like the Church of the Leading Star, we



found that they started to do things other people needed them to do instead! May our Lord Jesus Christ bless those students, bless their life, their souls, their faith.



ST. PETER'S CHURCH, CHIA-YI

Rev. Simon Tsou Tsai-Shin 鄒才新牧師



Our senior members group had an outing to Gukeng Township, Yunlin County on June 7 (see photo above). We went to Huashan Coffee Park in the morning. Its altitude gives a great view of the plains of Changhua and Yunlin. Because of that, many coffee shops have opened here. When we finished lunch, we went to Honey Museum, it is right by the Gukeng Green Tunnel. It was a nice trip.

Our woman's group made zong-zi (pyramid-shaped glutinous rice wrapped in leaves) in time for the Dragon Boat Festival in June (see photo right). We shared zong-zi and some presents to the



Mindao home, run by the R. C. Church for the physically and mentally disabled.

During the summer we had a camp in our church from July 1-5. This time we had 58 children and 23 youth working together. It was a wonderful experience. Every night we shared and gave thanks about what had happened during the day. One of the youth said that he really felt that God was with us, and helped us. Even though the weather was not good, we still had a good camp.

The church choir restarted on May 5, and the first time we sang was on July 14. The



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choir members work very hard, may God bless our choir friendship (see photo above).

We had a home fellowship gathering at Mr. Chang's home (he is sitting in the front row in the

right photo). Mr. Chang is a godly elder. Every morning he has a private morning prayer in his room, and he prays for the nation, for the church, for his family. We sang songs and shared our daily life, ending with lunch together.



ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, HUA-LIEN

Rev. Joseph Wu Ming-Long 吳明龍牧師

We are very grateful to the diocesan summer team for the time they spent here at St. Luke's Church over the summer leading 2 camps: our service gospel camp from July 29 to August 2 and our summer camp for children from July 31 to August 2. We had 3 junior high school students and 21 children in attendance (see photo). Everything went smoothly, praise God.

We are also very grateful to St. Stephen's Church for coming to Hualien to lead our children's English drama camp from August 19 to 22. We had 17 children in attendance. On the final evening, August 22, we held an evening for the children to bring their families and to share together about the camp, and 60 people came along.

We are so pleased that we are gradually developing small groups in the church, currently we have one for women and one for men, please pray for us!



GRACE CHURCH, TAINAN

Rev. Keith Lee Jen-Cheng 李鎮丞牧師



Mrs. Wang was an active and devout member in our Church. She came from Shanghai and was one of the witnesses in the period that the Chinese Anglican Church still existed (the other person is our diocesan chancellor Dr. Herbert Ma). After she moved to Taiwan, her family settled in Kang-shan, Kaohsiung, and were founding members of All Saints' Church. She attended General Convention twice as the chair of Episcopal Church Women. Now she is living in Tainan together with her daughter and the son-in-law. Although she is suffering a bit from senile dementia, but her physical and mind is well, thanks be to God.

On July 31, the Rev. Sam Cheng Ching-San 鄭慶三牧師 finished his service at Grace Church after 6 years; he is now a non-stipendiary priest of the diocese as from August 1. We thank him and his wife for their service and guidance in the past 6 years.

The Rev. Keith Lee finished his service both at St. Mark's and St. Andrew's, and as from August 1, is now in charge of Grace Church, Tainan.

On August 11, after the Sunday service, the members of Grace Church went to visit the eldest living diocesan church member, Mrs. Wang In-May who is aged 96 (see top photo, Mrs. Wang is the lady in the wheelchair). We went together with Rev. June Chou from Kaohsiung who was our former vicar. We sang songs and praying for our respected elder.

On September 14th evening, the members of Grace Church held a Mid-Autumn potluck party. Every family shared their delicious food with others, the young people also had a Bar-B-Q. Although the moon was only 2/3 full, it was very light and beautiful. All of us had a wonderful time (see photo below).

From September 18-23, Keith went to attend the CCEA youth conference which was held in Kobe Japan, and then visited Osaka, the companion diocese of Taiwan. We invited Rev. June Chou to celebrate the September 22 Sunday Service, thanks for her kind help and hard work.



ST. ANDREW'S KINDERGARTEN, JIE-DING

Rev. Cheng Chen-Chang 鄭成章牧師

Rev. Keith Lee finished his service at St. Andrew's Kindergarten on July 31, and moved to Grace Church. Rev. Cheng is now assigned to St. Andrew's Kindergarten, although he actually lives at St. Mark's Church, Pingtung and serves both places. He visits us for several days midweek each week.

On August 30, our kindergarten held a celebration in honor of Grandparents Day. The children invited their grandparents to come to school that day, and the children prepared tea for them to drink and then offered them a nice massage. About 30 grandparents attended (top and middle photos).

From August 23, we have started to hold a weekly Evening Prayer Service, for the 10 teachers and staff of St. Andrew's Kindergarten. The service is held on Wednesdays at 5:30pm, just before the staff meeting starts.



On September 18, we held a Mid-Autumn Moon Festival celebration, sharing with the children about the traditional meaning and story of the Moon Festival, as well as eating moon cakes and pomelos together (see bottom photo).

Our weekly Religion Class started this new semester on September 18, and is held every Wednesday mornings from 10:30 to 11:00am led by Rev. Cheng, for all the 120 children who attend our kindergarten.

Please continue to pray for the wonderful ministry of St. Andrew's Kindergarten, it has a vital witness in this rural coastal area of Kaohsiung County.



ST. MARK'S CHURCH, PING-TUNG
Rev. Cheng Chen-Chang 鄭成章牧師



We said goodbye to Rev. Keith Lee and his family on the last Sunday of July (see photo above left), and we wish them well as they start their new ministry in Grace Church.

On the first Sunday of August we were pleased to welcome Rev. Cheng Chen-Cheng and his wife to St. Mark's Church (see photos right), only a week after his ordination as priest. For us, it is a homecoming of sorts as Rev. Cheng joined St. Mark's Church as a teenager and was a member of the youth group when Rev. Charles C. T. Chen was vicar here.

On Sunday September 22, we celebrated our Mid-Autumn Moon Festival with a barbecue, attended by about 15 church members. That weekend was



also a typhoon that caused widespread flooding around southern Taiwan, here we are in the photo below cleaning up after the storm had passed!

Every Saturday we meet together on Saturday evenings for a cell-group fellowship time, about 8 people come along and we share together, led by our cell-group leader.

Every Sunday we meet together at 1:00pm after the morning service and lunch, for a Bible Study led by Rev. Cheng.

Our weekend Joy Camp for children continues this semester with classes in making things with clay, homework and Bible stories.



ALL SAINTS CHURCH, KANG-SHAN

Rev. Leo Tzeng Wen-Bin 曾文斌牧師

The Southern Deanery is holding a series of 'Life Renewal' Classes once a month on Sunday afternoons in All Saints Church, taking place on the first Sunday of each month, and led by Rev. Leo Tzeng Wen-Bin. The final class will take place in

January 2014. The style is a mix of teaching and Bible study. We are delighted that 30 adults attend the classes, and that every church in the Southern Deanery is represented.

Our children's summer camp took place at All Saints on 3 afternoons from Tuesday July 23 to Thursday July 25, from 1:00-4:00pm each day. 40 children attended the summer camp plus about 20 adults, so it was a very happy time for everyone (see photo above). We played games, learned Bible sto-



ries and had fun. The theme of the Bible stories was 'Parables of Jesus'.

Our Life Education classes for our after-school class students have started this new semester. Each Wednesday afternoon,

Rev Leo Tzeng teaches the 30 children for 30 minutes. Please continue to pray for this outreach ministry.

Our Mid-Autumn Moon Festival celebrations took place on September 19 with an evening meal in church followed by eating pomelos and moon cakes, and ending with a simple barbecue. We enjoyed looking at the moon together and singing choruses. About 25 people came along. (see photo below)



ST. TIMOTHY'S CHURCH, KAOHSIUNG

Rev. Justin Lin Jun-Ming 林俊明牧師

On Friday July 5, we started our summer program of the children's fellowship and youth fellowship at Jia-Shian, meeting each Friday evening. On Saturday July 20, we held a summer camp for the local children of Jia-Shian and the children of St. Timothy's Church to attend together, to get to know each other and to learn together.

Unfortunately our church family camp, originally planned from July 11 -14, had to be cancelled because of a typhoon.

From July 20 to August 24, over a total of 6 Saturdays we organized a series of summer fun outings for local children. Each Saturday morning we took



the children to visit local scenic spots like nature parks, farms, museums and the coastal area (see photos above). We returned to the church in time for lunch. In the afternoons we shared with the children about our morning experiences, had different activities and shared stories together from the Bible and from life.

On July 20, the summer program for our youth group started, including fun and games, sharing meals and friendship, playing table tennis and having a Bible study together. On August 24 we went together to Mei-Nung Farm, along with the youth and children of Jia-Shian. We visited the butter-



fly garden, did some cooking and played water games. We sang choruses and had fun. On our way home we called in at the Sugar Factory for ice-creams. It was a great chance for the young people from our church and outreach center to get to know each other.

On August 11, we celebrated Father's Day with a Thanksgiving Service and meal together. During the service, the children sang a song for their fathers in Taiwanese and we gave them a flower.

The theme for our weekend joy camp, youth group and the children's and youth fellowship at Jia-Shian this semester is studying the lives and witness of Swiss missionaries who have been here in Taiwan for over 60 years setting up hospitals and a caring ministry (see photo below). We hope that their testimony can be an inspiration to our young people.



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, KAOHSIUNG
Rev. Philip Ho Jeng-Long 何政隆牧師



This summer we had two summer camps held happily and wonderfully with great grace blessed by our dear Lord. The first (see photos above and right) was held from July 1 to 5. We invited some young students who were from junior high school and some freshmen from university. This camp was designed to serve elementary school children that we could bring them happiness and could also introduce the gospel to those young students who were not Christian, but could acknowledge our dear Lord Jesus Christ while they were serving those younger elementary children. That could be called a 'double purposes camp'! On the one hand, we could introduce Jesus to the elementary school children by leading them with hymns, games, painting and stories, and on the other hand we told the young students who liked to

serve younger students that there is a true Savior who loves all of us and HE was crucified by sinful people although HE was pure and without any sin.

At the end of the first camp, in total we served 93 elementary school children and we had 5 young students who raised their hands to make sure they would make Jesus Christ be their Savior, and they would believe in God. That was really an amazing grace to us.

The second camp was held from August 25 to 27. This was designed for elementary school children to prepare themselves for their coming new semester. As in the past two years, Rev. Philip J. L. Ho, with 4 young students made



the same camp for those elementary school children to prepare themselves for their coming new semester before September. This time about 20 young students met together to help Philip (see photo left) and most of them were members of the first camp. There was a beautiful story. At the end of the first camp, wanting to continue the nice friendships they had made, so they encouraged each other to come together again at the end of the August to serve younger students and help Philip. In addition to the first camp, they made some different plans. First, they went to visit a Nursing Home (see photo page 35 top right) which is near St. Paul's Church to sing hymns and play a joyful drama to cheer the elders



up. Second, they went to visit the famous Dream Mall to discover the reasons why the Mall could attract so many people to go shopping there and how they could make so much money!

On August 6, we invited some seniors and some young members to join together for a Happy Father's Day lunch. In the photo below, the first line and left 5 seniors are all over 80 years old, but with happy smiling



faces they look young and joyful.

On August 10, we had a very beautiful Concert (see photo right) that was held to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Sister Liu Shia's establishment of the Eden Social Welfare Foundation. The four singers with white shirts and neck-ties are all blind. They sang songs which were all written by Sister Liu Shia. At the end of the Concert, there were 7 people who raised their hands to declare that they would accept Jesus Christ into their hearts to be



their Savior. Halleluiah!

On August 18, Bishop Lai came to St. Paul's Church for a Confirmation (see bottom photo). We had 6 members confirmed. Each of them received a cross pendant from Bishop Lai and a Book of Common Prayer as their gifts.

On August 18 at 7:00 pm we had a Television Live Transmission for our students and families to join in with the program, and Jeremy Lin gave a testimony speech. Before the Live Transmission we held a basket ball race, and again was the amazing result -



the three winners were small children as last year. But the great mercy was that we got three people who raised their hands to make Jesus Christ be their Savior. Halleluiah!

On September 15, we had an early Mid-Autumn Festival party together with members and families of our Kindergarten students. We had delicious food, moon cakes, pomelo fruits, watermelons and joyful times. After Bible games, 6 people raised their hands to make Jesus Christ be their Savior. Halleluiah!

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, TAICHUNG

Rev. Philip Lin Li-Feng 林立峰牧師

Rev. Charles Chen Chin-Ti, Rector Emeritus 陳金地榮譽主任牧師

We are delighted that Mr. Antony Liang 梁凡偉 修生 (son of church members Jerry Liang and his wife Jean) has been accepted to join the diocesan Church Intern Program, starting on July 1.

To celebrate St. James' Day, the birthday of our church, we had a Chinese-and-English combined service on Sunday, July 14, with the Rev. Philip Lin as celebrant and the Rev. Charles Chen as preacher. The Rev. Jason Ke read the Gospel and distributed the communion. About 120 people came and joined this special service, after which we had a wonderful Potluck lunch.

From July 22 to 26 we had a Service-Learning Camp for teenagers and younger children. Led by Rev. Philip Lin and Rev. Joseph Ho, the participants included about 30 teenagers and 66 children (see photo above). This was our first time to cooperate with

Zhongxin Elementary School and with Mr. Guozhen Lee (the head of the Gulong neighborhood) who helped to recruit students to join the camp. Through this kind of cooperation, we made it possible for many more families and individuals to be introduced to, or



to further explore, the meaning of the gospel. After the Camp there were five students who would like to be baptized.

Bishop Leo Frade
(Bishop of the Episcopal

Diocese of Southeast Florida) and his wife Diana visited us on August 4. Bishop Leo celebrated and preached at the English service on Sunday August 4, after which we took them to visit Sun Moon Lake.

On the same day (August 4) the Chinese congregation celebrated Father's Day. We enjoyed a Christian film "Courageous" produced by Sherwood Pictures. The movie, thematically teaching how to be a better father, was recommended by Mr. Jincan Xie (head of the Service Team composed of male members of the church). There were 35 people who took part in the discussion of the movie in the afternoon.

Led by Rev. Philip Lin, St. James' Church started

an Alpha Course program on August 9. The Alpha Course, which introduces the basics of the Christian faith, can be completed over a ten-week period of time. There were 47 people who came to the first meeting, and they are continuing to meet (once a



week) in three or four small groups. In each of the ten meetings we use videos by Rev. Nicky Gumbel as guidelines for small-group discussion.

We had Holy Baptism and Holy Confirmation on August 11. Guanhong Lai, Xiuchun Lin, Zilian Lin, and Youlin Shi were baptized by Rev. Philip Lin and then these four as well as Dawei Liao and Boyu Su were confirmed by Bishop David Lai (see bottom photo, page 36).

Another Service-Learning Camp was held at the Church of Leading Star from August 11 to 16. Also led by Rev. Philip Lin and Rev. Joseph Ho. 27

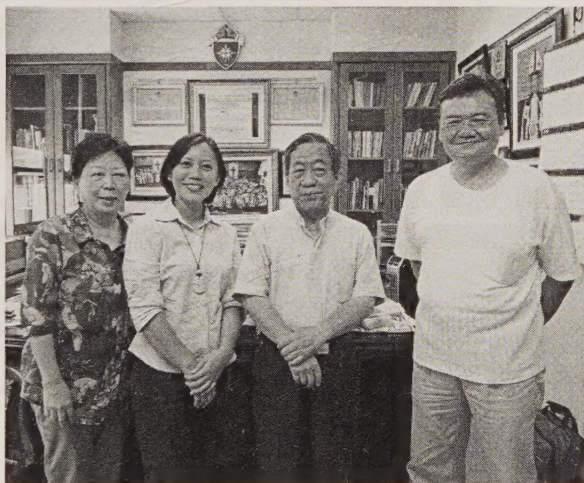
young people from St. James' and 65 school students took part in the Camp, the camp being in Kuang-Long Elementary School.

St. James held a Life Camp for Youth on August 20 and 21. On the first day we had Mr. Wu Shing-Siang give a speech on relationships. In total 14 young people came to attend the Camp.

On September 18 a special barbecue was held at St. James to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival, which actually fell on September 19 this year. In total 172 people participated in this event.

Visit of Lynn Baguiwet, Finance Officer, Episcopal Diocese of Central Philippines, EDCP September 7-23, 2013 by Catherine Lee

In the February 2013 issue of the Friendship Magazine, we reported on the visit to the Philippines in November 2012 of a group from St. James' Church, Taichung to attend the consecration of St. Gregory's Church in Manila. This church was the 12th and final church in the EDCP built with money raised by St. James' Church in a project that originally started about 18 years ago through the vision and inspiration of Rector Emeritus, Rev. Charles C. T. Chen, and continued after his retirement through the enthusiastic support of the new rector of St. James' Church, Rev. Philip L. F. Lin. On that visit last November we met again many members of the EDCP staff, and shared with them and within our group about where our partnership could go from here. One of our dreams was to be able to



LYNN WITH BISHOP AND LILY LAI, AND JOHN CHUANG,
DIOCESAN TREASURER

invite someone from the EDCP diocesan staff to come and visit St. James for a few weeks, to learn about our ministry and church life, as well as to see something of the beautiful island of Taiwan.

Ms. Lynn Baguiwet, the EDCP Finance Officer was the ideal person to invite! Not only is she outgoing, friendly and very much part of the EDCP family, but she has also worked in close coop-

eration with us throughout the whole length of the project. So in thanksgiving to her for her dedication and faithfulness, we invited her to come and visit in September, and we were delighted when Bishop Dixie Taclobao agreed.

We could not have foreseen that this past summer there were to be serious political tensions between Taiwan and the Philippines that started over a fishing dispute, and led to



LYNN WELCOMED AT ST. JAMES' CHURCH BY
REV. PHILIP LIN AND PRINCIPAL SUSAN CHEN

some doubt as to whether Lynn's visit could even take place at all. We were very relieved when tensions died down a few weeks before Lynn's visit, and grateful that she could receive her visa, even if only days before her scheduled date of arrival!

Lynn's schedule was packed from the very moment of arrival! She spent the first 5 days staying at St.

John's University, Taipei meeting lots of people and visiting the northern coast of Taiwan, as well as all the sights of Taipei. We had the chance to worship at Good Shepherd Church and to visit St. John's Cathedral, as well as to call in at St. Christopher's R. C. Church in Taipei which serves the Filipino community. We visited the Grand Hotel, Taipei 101, National Palace Museum, Shilin Night Market, Tamsui Old Street and the Fisherman's Wharf, C. K. S. Memorial and everywhere in-between! The visit included a tour of St. John's University, and Lynn's visit to Taipei was completed with a visit to meet Bishop David Lai and his wife Lily in the diocesan office.

We then spent a week staying at St. James' Church and Lynn made the most of her visit, getting to know and making friends with everyone! We arranged a schedule of visits within St. James to meet all the staff, and see all the different ministries in the church, preschool, language institute, community services center and counseling center, including an evening with one of the cell groups studying the Alpha Course. We also invited church members who had



LYNN WITH REV. CHARLES C. T. CHEN AND MARYJO

been with us to the Philippines over the years to arrange meals and days out sightseeing.

We were honored to be invited by Rev. Charles C. T. Chen and his wife, MaryJo to a sumptuous welcome dinner on our arrival evening, and on the Saturday we were invited to spend the day with them starting with coffee at their home and then a

sushi lunch. They took us to visit Tung-Hai University and the world-renowned Luce Memorial Chapel, then to Taichung Metropolitan Park, followed by a wonderful dinner in the evening (ostrich meat!) hosted by their son, Samuel and his wife Luanne, and also attended by Rev. David Chee who was staying overnight at St. James. The following day, Sunday was busy - attending the English service followed by refreshments, and then the second part of the Chinese service followed by lunch with the congregation.

During the announcements in the Chinese service, Lynn was introduced to the congregation by Rev. Charles C. T. Chen who spoke movingly from his heart about what Lynn's visit meant to him. About 20 members of St. James' Church have had the opportunity to visit the Philippines since the first church, Christ the King in Sandeline was conse-

crated in 1999, but Lynn is the first person from the Philippines to visit us for any length of time. Charles shared how grateful he is to Almighty God that another of his dreams had come true! Lynn had many questions to ask Charles during her visit, mostly



LYNN WITH THE ST. JAMES ALPHA COURSE

about his vision and how he shared that vision with others and inspired them to give, and Charles in his introduction shared about how he had answered Lynn's questions. This led onto the theme of generosity and stewardship – a subject that often clergy prefer to avoid, but one which he felt really important to share about!

After the services we were pleased to visit the Church of the Leading Star with Rev. Joseph Ho and his wife and to see the renovation work being undertaken and to learn about their ministry there. Another day we visited the Filipino Migrant Ministry of the R. C. Church in Tanzi. We also had the chance to visit all the local sights of Taichung including the Taichung Park, Science Museum, Art Museum and Folk Museum, and the site of the original location of the Japanese Anglican Church in Taichung, which was redeveloped about 10 years ago and is now in the middle of a famous night market. We also spent a lovely day at Sun Moon Lake with Jerry Liang and his wife Jean, and a day at Lukang with church members Robert Chiu and his wife Jenny.

Evenings were spent with church members enjoying wonderful meals, and it was good to experience such amazing and generous hospitality. When asked of her impressions of St. James and of her visit, Lynn says that what most moved her was firstly the warmth and friendship of the St. James' community - in taking such good care of her, and in the fellowship times after the English service and Chinese service on the Sunday. Secondly, the dedication and commitment of everyone she met, from the volunteers in the church to the teachers in the preschool, and thirdly the 'thankful heart' attitude of all the people. This is seen in how everyone interacts with one another, including friendly banter, in all the food prepara-

tion and service as everything is always served with pride, and in the cleanliness and care of the surroundings, including the parks.

The final 4 days of Lynn's visit coincided with the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival, which Lynn spent with Ms. Hsu Hui-Lan and her family after the church barbecue. Hui-Lan is the church member who raised the money through sales of her artwork to build the 12th church in the Philippines, St. Gregory's Church in memory of her late husband, Gregory. It was a great chance for Lynn to stay with a church family and to attend the Moon Festival celebrations with them, as well as to share about their faith and ministry together.

Lynn's visit was a great chance for us all to appreciate once again the strength of our partnership with our brothers and sisters in the Philippines. It is easy for political tensions between neighboring countries to influence attitudes, and yet in Lynn's visit and in her friendly and gracious manner; we could realize that whatever may happen at a political level, that we have a far deeper fellowship as brothers and sisters in Christ, and nothing is more important than that!



LYNN ENJOYING THE ST JAMES MOON FESTIVAL BARBECUE!

Lynn has worked at EDCP for the last 17 years, and it is a nice coincidence that we invited her to visit Taiwan for 17 days! We have appreciated all 17 years of her dedication and service, and hope that she enjoyed all of her 17 days in Taiwan; we certainly enjoyed having her!

And some final words of thanks from Lynn: 'A heartfelt appreciation to all of you for the very warm reception, friendship and love extended to me during my 17 days of stay there in Taiwan. God's abundant love is truly amazing!'

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